

WRC Grant Awards 2011-2012

School Districts served

Anacortes, Auburn, Bellingham, Bremerton, Brewster, Bridgeport, Burlington-Edison, Central Valley, Cheney, Columbia, Eastmont, Entiat, ESD 121, Franklin-Pierce, Grandview, Granite Falls, Highline, Kelso, Kiona-Benton, Liberty, Longview, Loon Lake, Manson, Mt. Vernon, N. Beach, N. Manson, N. Thurston, NEWESD 101, Olympia, Oroville, Prosser, Puget Sound, Puyallup, Republic, Seattle Public Schools, Sedro-Woolley, Spokane, Stevenson-Carson, Tacoma, Toppenish, Touchet, Toutle, Tukwila, Tumwater, Vashon, Walla Walla, White Salmon, Winlock, Wishram, Yakima

Schools (alphabetical by school name)

Adams, Alderwood, Armin Jahr, Bailley Gatzert, Baker, Barnes, Belfair, Bemiss, Berney, Blue Ridge, Brewster, Bridgeport, Brookdale, Carson, Cascade, Cascade View, Centennial, Central Avenue, Central, Chautauqua, Christiansen, Columbia, Concord International, Cordata, Darrington, Dayton, Dearborn Park, Edison, Entiat, Evergreen, Fidalgo, Giaudrone, Grant (E. Wenatchee) Grant (Spokane), Gray, Green Park, Greenwood, Harriet Thompson, Highland Park, Island View, James Sales, Jason Lee, Jennie Reed, Keene Riverview, Kenroy, Kimball, Kiona-Benton, Leland P. Brown, Liberty, Lincoln, Loon Lake, Manson, Mary Purcell, McCarver, McMickens Heights, Michael T. Simmons, Midland, Midway, Monte Cristo, Monticello, Morris E Ford, Mt. Erie, Mountain Way, Navel Avenue, Ocean Shores, Olympic, Onalaska, Oroville, Pioneer, Prospect Point, Regal, Roosevelt, Sand Hill, Sanislo, Sharpstien, Stanley, Stevenson, Stewart, Sunnyland, Sunrise, Sunset, Terminal Park, Thorndyke, Touchet, Toutle Lake, Tukwila, Valley View, View Ridge, Wa He Lut, Wallace, Washington, Washington State School for the Deaf, West Hills, West View (Burlington), West View (Spokane), Whitson, Winlock, Wishram,

Early Learning sites

Big Bend Community College, Chautauqua Early Learning, Child Care Action Council, Dallesport Head Start, Denise Louie Education Center, Downtown Seattle YMCA, Educational Opportunities for Children and Families, ESD 113 Early learning, Evergreen Early Learning Center, Farwell Early Learning, First Steps Family Support Center, Goldendale Head Start, Head Start/Early Childhood Education-Walla Walla, Hough Child Care/SW Consortium, Madison Family Literacy Program, Parenting Matters Foundation, Pioneer Elementary, Ready By Five, Republic ECEAP Preschool, Shiloh Early Learning, Skamania Head Start, South Sound Childcare/Refugee Families, South Shore P-8 School, South Sound Reading Foundation, Stevenson-Carson Preschool, Toppenish Pre-School, White Salmon Head Start, Whitney Early Learning Center.

Testimonials

"Kindergarten readiness is happening—how to talk about a book, how to connect with a book physically, how to share supplies, use scissors, identify colors and numbers. Plus we are showing parents how to introduce these things to the kids at home as well."

"The AmeriCorps member talks to the parents about the importance of reading and distributes books to parents. Without her, we would not be able to reach as many families. We probably would not reach 75 percent of the families we now reach."

"Through the WRC, we often interact with students in a smaller group setting that allows us to know students and give them the individualized attention they normally don't receive. It shows an immense amount of personal growth for the student and also the importance of the Washington Reading Corps program in struggling schools."

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Helping Children Read!



Providing Reading Tutors for Successful Futures

**“Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader”**
- Margaret Fuller



AmeriCorps members help children pre-school through sixth grade develop literacy and social emotional skills.

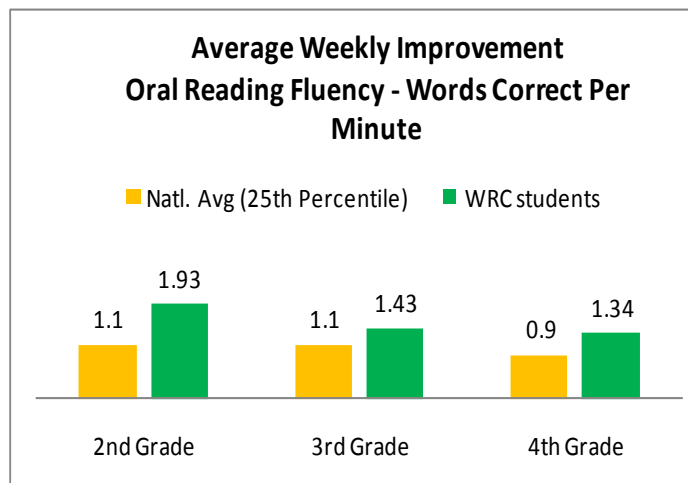
Washington Reading Corps places 260 AmeriCorps members in 99 elementary schools and 28 early learning sites throughout Washington. Members are placed in high need schools and early learning centers where the average free/reduced lunch percentage is 60%.

State Funds are Critical to Leverage Federal Dollars

\$1.03 million state funds leverages \$3.3 million per year in competitively awarded federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service. In order to receive the federal funds, a non-federal cash match is required. The state funds provide a portion of the cash match.

Successes of 2010-2011 Program Year

- 6,622 struggling readers were tutored by the Washington Reading Corps (members received training in research-based tutoring methods)
- Over half (61%) of students tutored met benchmark or gained a grade level in reading (students were a grade or more behind)
- 66% of students improved in their reading behaviors, attitudes and confidence as reported by teacher assessments
- Over 160 family literacy events were organized, and provided 62,503 parents and caregivers engagement opportunities
- 4,677 community volunteers donated 63,856 hours of tutoring service (valued at \$21.63/hr = \$1,381,205)
- Connections were made across grade levels by 2,274 peer and cross-age tutors, donating 21,368 hours of service



Data collected on the results of the Dynamic Indicators Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessments from WRC schools.

Impacts on Washington's Economy

Reading Corps members spend \$3.1 million of their living allowance in Washington State per year.

Members received a federally funded education award of \$5,550 upon completion of their service year:

77% use their award in Washington, injecting an additional \$1.07 million into our economy

65% of Reading Corps members plan to pursue a career in education

97% report gaining career development skills during their service year

99% of members plan to continue volunteering in their communities after their service year



“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

~Henry Ford~